THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The National Airports Authority has no plan to construct an airport in Meerut District. Government are not aware of any proceedings to acquire land for the purpose.

(b) Does not arise.

Karur to Dindigul Broad Gauge line

1797. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) by when the Karur to Dindigul Broad guage conversion work will be completed; and

(b) what are the reasons for the inordinate delay in the completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Its completion will depend on availability of resources for New Lines in the coming years.

(b) Its progress is commensurate with the availability of funds.

Typists in Railways

1798. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the category of Typists in the Railways falls within the Clerical Cadre viz. ministerial staff on Railways for all intents and purposes;

(b) whether this category of Typists has not been equated at par with recent restructuring of clerical cadre w.e.f. 1st January, 1984 under revised promotional percentage fixed by the Railways Board; and

(c) if so, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Clerks and Typists form two distinct cadres with differences in recruitment qualifications, duties and responsibilities.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The category of Typists has not been granted similar percentage structure as for Ministerial Staff (Clerical Cadre) in view of the distinct difference in the nature of duties and responsibilities .

CGHS facilities to the pensioners

1799. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether C.G.H.S. facilities are being extended to all pensioners;

(b) whether Nursing Home facilities are being denied to Government officers, otherwise eligible, who opted for ICAR Service in 1965; or so;

(c) if so, the number of officers who are affected by such refusal; and

(d) whether immediate corrective steps will be taken and such gross injustice revoked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. CGHS facilities have been extended to all Central Government Pensioners residing in areas covered by the Scheme.

(b) to (d) At present all officers/ pensioners of Semi-Government/autonomous organisations covered under the scheme including optees in ICAR are eligible for admission to general ward due to acute shortage of Nursing Home facilities.